

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

00:00:00

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on January 18, 2005
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Lake, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 221, 1/7/2005; HB 276,
1/13/2005; HB 283, 1/13/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 221

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:31 REP. WILLIAM JONES (R), HD 9, opened the hearing
on HB 221, Elderly homeowner property tax limit.

[EXHIBIT](#)(tah13a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:18 Julie Dolan, Montana Association of Realtors

[EXHIBIT](#)(tah13a02)

Informational Testimony:

00:12:24 Randy Wilke, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:03 REP. ROSS
00:19:23 REP. FACEY
00:21:01 REP. LAMBERT
00:23:08 REP. GROESBECK
00:30:03 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES
00:34:43 REP. ROSS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:45 REP. WILLIAM JONES (R), HD 9, closed the hearing
on HB 221.

HEARING ON HB 283

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:33 REP. MIKE JOPEK (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on
HB 283, Revise local firefighter disability and
pension funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:06 Michael J. Eve, Assistant to the City Manager,
City of Whitefish

[EXHIBIT](#)(tah13a03)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:18	REP. BUTCHER
01:27:50	REP. PETERSON
01:29:01	REP. ROSS
01:30:58	REP. WARDEN
01:32:27	REP. HIMMELBERGER
01:33:43	REP. McALPIN
01:34:15	REP. BUTCHER
01:36:54	CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES
01:38:22	REP. BUTCHER

Closing by Sponsor:

01:40:44	REP. HAL JACOBSON (D), HD 82, closed the hearing on HB 276.
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ADJOURNMENT

01:45:23

Adjournment: 9:45 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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